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Information on schools reopening in Denbighshire

Please see below the recent Press Release from Denbighshire County Council

Face to face learning will resume for **foundation phase pupils** in Denbighshire from **Wednesday, February 24th at the earliest.**

This follows the recent announcement by the Welsh Government that pupils aged between aged 3 and 7 will return to face to face learning.

The Council is reassuring parents and carers that school re-openings will be subject to all necessary safety measures being in place, supported by Welsh Government and in line with their operational guidance.

Schools in the county closed on 16th December and have remained open for online learning as well as face to face learning for the children of critical workers and vulnerable learners.

This provision continues for all who are eligible.

Free school meals and school transport will be available for all eligible pupils from February 24, as soon as schools reopen.

Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts, the Council's Lead Member for Education, Children's Services and Public Engagement, said: "The Welsh Government has announced that due to lower community transmission rates of COVID-19, that schools can re-open to foundation phase pupils.

"Following this announcement we have spoken with all primary schools and agreed face to face education will resume across the county for eligible pupils.

"This has been a difficult period for pupils, parents and staff and we want to reassure parents and carers that schools will continue to implement rigorous hygiene measures as well as ensure all regulations and guidance on pupils' safety is followed.

"I would again like to thank pupils, parents and staff for their support during what has been a hugely challenging time and the communities they support and work in."

Denbighshire will work closely with Public Health Wales and NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect to review case levels prior to school reopening.

Parents and carers are being reminded to adhere to social distancing measures when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

I will write to you shortly with more information regarding the re-opening.

Regards

Mrs. E. Knight